

SECTION 2. Not later than December 31, 2016, the Texas Water Development Board shall report the results of the study conducted under this Act to the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the standing committees of the senate and the house of representatives that have jurisdiction over natural resources.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

Passed by the House on May 6, 2015: Yeas 143, Nays 1, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 14, 2015: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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**VOLUNTARY DONATION TO THE FUND FOR VETERANS'  
ASSISTANCE WHEN APPLYING FOR A HUNTING OR  
FISHING LICENSE**

**CHAPTER 160**

H.B. No. 1584

**AN ACT**

**relating to a voluntary donation to the fund for veterans' assistance when applying for a hunting or fishing license.**

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. Section 434.017(a), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The fund for veterans' assistance is a special fund in the state treasury outside the general revenue fund. The fund is composed of:

- (1) money transferred to the fund at the direction of the legislature;
- (2) gifts and grants contributed to the fund;
- (3) the earnings of the fund;
- (4) money transferred to the fund from proceeds of the lottery game operated under Section 466.027 or transferred to the fund under Section 466.408(b);
- (5) money deposited to the credit of the fund under Section 502.1746, Transportation Code; ~~and~~
- (6) money deposited to the credit of the fund under Section 521.008, Transportation Code; *and*
- (7) *money deposited to the credit of the fund under Section 12.007, Parks and Wildlife Code.*

SECTION 2. Subchapter A, Chapter 12, Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended by adding Section 12.007 to read as follows:

*Sec. 12.007. VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION TO FUND FOR VETERANS' ASSISTANCE. (a) In this section, "veterans fund" means the fund for veterans' assistance established under Section 434.017, Government Code.*

*(b) When a person applies for a hunting or fishing license of any type, including a combination hunting and fishing license, under this code, the person may make a voluntary contribution of \$1, \$5, \$10, or \$20 to the veterans fund.*

*(c) The department shall:*

- (1) include space on the first page of each application for a hunting or fishing license*

*that allows a person applying for the license to indicate that the person is voluntarily contributing \$1, \$5, \$10, or \$20 to the veterans fund; and*

*(2) provide an opportunity for the person to contribute \$1, \$5, \$10, or \$20 to the veterans fund during the application process for a hunting or fishing license on the department's Internet website.*

*(d) The department shall send any contribution made under this section to the comptroller for deposit in the state treasury to the credit of the fund for veterans' assistance not later than the 14th day of each month. Before sending the money to the veterans fund, the department may deduct money equal to the amount of reasonable expenses for developing and administering this section.*

SECTION 3. (a) To implement Section 12.007, Parks and Wildlife Code, as added by this Act, the Parks and Wildlife Commission shall adopt rules as needed and the Parks and Wildlife Department shall develop procedures to implement that section not later than August 1, 2016.

(b) The Parks and Wildlife Department may consult with the Department of Public Safety for assistance in developing procedures to implement Section 12.007, Parks and Wildlife Code, as added by this Act.

SECTION 4. Section 12.007, Parks and Wildlife Code, as added by this Act, applies only to a license purchased on or after September 1, 2016.

SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

Passed by the House on April 30, 2015: Yeas 138, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting;  
passed by the Senate on May 14, 2015: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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## EXEMPTION OF CERTAIN PROPERTY FROM MUNICIPAL DRAINAGE SERVICE CHARGES

### CHAPTER 161

H.B. No. 1662

#### AN ACT

**relating to the exemption of certain property from municipal drainage service charges.**

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. Section 552.053, Local Government Code, is amended by amending Subsection (d) and adding Subsection (d-1) to read as follows:

(d) A municipality may exempt property owned by a religious organization that is exempt from taxation pursuant to Section 11.20, Tax Code, from *all or a portion of* drainage charges under this subchapter, *as the governing body of the municipality considers appropriate.*

*(d-1) A municipality may exempt property used for cemetery purposes from drainage charges under Section 552.047 if the cemetery is closed to new interments and does not accept new burials.*

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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